

Once out of the Bering Sea they radioed CNO office and were told to proceed to Pearl Harbor.

Ten days ago I worked out with Captain Aurand and the Navy Department a release relieving the Nautilus of the scheduled Arctic exploration with the Skate in August and announcing that the Navy was sending the Nautilus to Pearl Harbor for a month to engage in indoctrination procedures for our submarine fleet at our Pacific Headquarters at Pearl Harbor. This went off all right and the Nautilus proceeded to Pearl. Commander Anderson flew back from Pearl to make a report to CNO and to us here at the White House.

The first attempt was by no means a failure since much new information was discovered about the movement of ice in the Bering Strait, the Bering Sea and the Chukchi Sea. The ice depths of 80 feet were twice those that anyone had any idea of, and the scientific aspects of this discovery will be very important on later movements.

Anderson will try again toward the end of July, going through the Bering Strait and skirting the Alaskan Mainland to Port Barrow, which will be open at that time of the year. Once he reaches Port Barrow, he will have clear sailing in deep water under the ice pack, and will be able to proceed under the North Pole and continue through to Iceland.